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STRATEGIC PLAN

Andrea John is now the contact person for the strategic plan, and she is also on the report writing committee. The committee met this week to attempt a reconciliation of all the feedback received on the first draft in an effort to produce a second draft. The graphic designer has been selected for the final report, and a new timeline will be issued for the completion of the project.

MANAGEMENT AUDIT UPDATE

There are no new developments at this time regarding the management audit of the Department of Education. As soon as there are any developments you will be advised. Copies of the report are available for loan from the Provincial Library.

COOPERATION WITH THE BUSINESS SERVICE CENTRE

Donna Capern of the Canada/Nova Scotia Business Service Centre met recently with Carol Morris and Andrea John to discuss a funding proposal which would put more business related information in the hands of regional libraries around the province. At this point, we are brainstorming ideas and consulting with chiefs and reference staff on what business resources would be most useful in better serving the public. Eric Stackhouse and Laura Jantek have contributed some ideas and perspectives.

ONE STOP UPDATE

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In Yarmouth, several local development agencies are already housed together under one roof downtown and they have offered to house the One-Stop Centre in the same building. In Truro, the One-Stop is currently in negotiations for placement in space next to the CEIC office, currently occupied by the Department of Education. In Bridgewater, we expect that the One-Stop will be placed in the new federal building on Dufferin Street in November. It will also be the new home of CEIC. In Sydney, the One-Stop has been invited to co-locate with ACTA/ECB in new quarters, probably on Charlotte Street, by November 1. Supply & Services is currently working on a tender call for the Kentville One-Stop.

Each Centre will be approximately 3,000 square feet, allowing room for on-site and visiting partners and in some cases for co-location with local community economic development agencies. There will be six staff members in each Centre: a manager, two Navigators, an Electronic Highway Officer, an Information Officer and a secretary. These positions will be filled by secondments from federal or provincial departments or agencies, or municipalities. Electronic databases and services are currently being reviewed for purchase. Canloc, Public Tenders BBS, Internet and BCNet (Business Cooperation Network) are some of those being considered. Connie Carruthers will be acting Project Manager while Frank LeTourneau is working in the Protocol Office in preparation for Queen Elizabeth's visit in August.

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM AWARD

Congratulations to the Halifax City Regional Library Board for receiving the CLA Intellectual Freedom Award. This award has only been given twice in the last six years. Chief Librarian, Diane MacQuarrie, and Chair of the Board, John Kitz, were present to receive the award.

POSITION TO BE FILLED

As mentioned in the last issue, approval has been received to fill the position of Coordinator of Technical Services for a six month term on a casual basis. The competition, shown below, will be advertised in the N.S. Government Blue Sheets the week of June 27.

Coordinator, Technical Services,
Nova Scotia Provincial Library (Librarian 4)
Department of Education - Halifax

Duties:
A senior level librarian is required to administer the staff and responsibilities of the Technical Services Section of the Nova Scotia Provincial Library for a six month period. Responsibilities include overseeing the acquisitions, cataloguing, classification, and processing of materials for the Provincial Library and Regional Public libraries in the province as well as ensuring the integrity of the union catalogues of Nova Scotia library holdings. Provincial Library is a fully automated environment and the incumbent will also participate as a key player in the implementation of the Provincial Library vision of a "One Place to Look" electronic network, NcompasS.

Qualifications:
Masters Degree in Library and Information Science from an accredited Library School and a minimum of 7 years professional or related experience. Demonstrated management experience including project management, budgeting, policy development, communication and interpersonal skills and supervisory experience. Background training and experience in managing automated systems in a library and/or network environment would be a definite asset.

Pay Level: PR 14 ($39,860 - 48,537)
Position term: June 15 - Dec. 31, 1994

To apply send a complete application to:
Marion L. Pape, Provincial Librarian
Nova Scotia Provincial Library
3770 Kempt Road
Halifax, NS B3K 4X8
Fax: (902) 424-0633

SUMMER READING PROGRAMME

The Summer Reading Programme T-shirts have been distributed and invoices will soon follow. The feedback we've received has been tremendous. People seem to really like the T-shirts so we are looking into placing a second order. Arlene Watts will be contacting the youth.serv mailing list regarding prices and dates. Next, we plan to issue a province-wide press release and hold a draw for two whale-watching tickets. Plans for the 1995 theme are already underway! A dinosaur theme is a likely suggestion.

BACKLOG CLEARED UP!

The staff of Technical Services have been working like mad to clear

up the backlog of items to be catalogued coming directly from the regions. All the hard work has paid off and the backlog is gone!

ISIR ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

ISIR, the Integrated Service of Information Resources of the Centre for Information Technology Innovation (Industry Canada), disseminates a selective bibliography and information briefs aimed at R&D managers, researchers, and professionals within the field of information technologies. This weekly publication, Flash Information, is distributed free of charge via e-mail. If you wish to receive it, please send your e-mail address to flash@citi.doc.ca.

ISIR's ONLINE DATABASE

ISIR's online database on information technology is also accessible via the Internet. Searching instructions are as follows: Telnet to SIRI.CITI.DOC.CA. After the prompt ":", enter HELLO identification, SIRI.CITI. For "identification", enter your name or the name of your organization (maximum 8 characters). Example: HELLO Alex, SIRI.CITI. If you have any problems connecting, contact siri@citi.doc.ca.

CHEBUCTO FREENET HITS THE NET

The Chebucto FreeNet is finally connected to the Internet! That means that those of us with Internet service can access it easily. To do so, telnet to: cfn.cs.dal.ca. At the Login prompt, enter "guest" and then enter "almost-none" as the password. You can also connect to the FreeNet without using the Internet by dialing 494-8006 with your modem. After connecting, you can navigate around the FreeNet and, if you wish, you can register as a user. Registering as a user will give you a personal login name and password as well as an e-mail account. While using the FreeNet is absolutely free, it isn't free to run. You can become a member of the Metro*CAN Society for as little as $12 a year. Your membership fee helps pay for communication costs, equipment, etc. You can also make a simple donation to the FreeNet. For more information, contact cfn@cs.dal.ca. ONE YEAR LATER...

A report produced by the Liberal Government of Nova Scotia, entitled "Government by Action : 365 days in office - 365 steps forward" is currently being circulated among staff at Provincial Library. The document is a summary of actions and reforms taken by the Savage government since taking office June 11, 1993. Items

discussed include the social safety net, business activity, and restructuring the public service. Copies are being forwarded to all regional Chief Librarians.

IN-HOUSE ILL PACKAGE READY!

The in-house ILL facility is ready and Provincial Library is preparing to train the regional ILL staff. Currently, there is no commercial ILL package that runs in a Windows environment so we have developed an interim measure until one is available. The interim measure makes use of the multi-tasking capability of Windows by running WP 6.0, Eudora, and NcompasS simultaneously. One of the options allows the ILL staff to "cut and paste" information directly from the catalogue into an ILL request form and mail it to the lending library. The training will take place July 15 at Provincial Library. While the system is not perfect, we are confident that it will improve current interlibrary loan procedures and reduce communication costs.

INTERNET Q & A

Q: When I use FTP to download a file from a remote site, where does my file go?
M. Colborne, HCRL

A: Well, that depends on which FTP you use. If you use the one found under the NSTN ICS/Windows icon, it will be saved in the C:\NSTNWIN\FTP directory, unless you specify otherwise. If you use the one under the Wnqvtnet icon, it will be saved in the F:\QVTNET directory. In either case, you must open WordPerfect to look at, print, or otherwise alter the file. For further info contact Sue Dirani (sdirani).

NEXT ISSUE DELAYED!

I will be on holidays next week (June 27 - July 6) so the next issue of THE DISS will be out July 15. - S.D.

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That's it for this issue. Stay tuned . . . .

If you have any questions or comments about the activities mentioned, please contact the people involved.

We encourage readers to comment on items found in THE DISSEMINATOR

and/or make suggestions about content. These comments should be directed to Sue Dirani (sdirani).

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